

SENATOR HALL: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...so the large majority I don't think would be aware of that surcharge.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So, this is considered to be, when I say this I mean this increase that LB 1044 would allow in the surcharge, it's felt that this is a method by which the people will be assessed an additional 50 cents about which they may not have any knowledge, and therefore there will probably be no opposition to it.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, Senator, I don't...I don't know that I go quite that far because there will be, under the bill, they're going to have to have publication and their board is going to have to have a public hearing, and then they're going to have to have a vote of three-quarters of the governing body. So it's a little...there's a little more protection in the bill rather than just blindly putting the access charge on. If you did that without the public hearings and the notices, I'd say you're right. That's what the committee was concerned about, and that's the reason we put those other things in there. You're never going to give everybody actual knowledge,...

SENATOR HALL: Time.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...but give them the chance.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I'm sorry to take up your additional time, but you've got another light.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Chambers, your light is next.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Kristensen, was it ever considered to give the people in the county affected an opportunity to vote on this instead of just having a public hearing to which people may or may not come?

SENATOR HALL: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: No, Senator Chambers, I don't remember that discussion occurring. It was basically a discussion about the governing body that was trying to get this through would have to